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# OPERATION TRINITY

	MST	GMT	Sponsor: LASL
DATE:	16 Jul 1945	16 Jul 1945	
TIME:	0529	1229	SITE: 57 miles Northwest of
			Alamogordo, New Mexico
			Coordinates: 33° 40' 31" N
			106° 28′ 29″ W
TOTAL	YIELD: 19 kt		Site elevation: 4,624 ft
			HEIGHT OF BURST: 100 ft
			TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT:
FIREBA	LL DATA:		Tower burst
Time	to 1st minim	um: NM	
Time	to 2nd maximu	am: NM	CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 35,000 ft MSL
Radi	us at 2nd max:	imum: NM	CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT: 10,600 ft MSL
			CRATER DATA: Diameter: 1,100 ft
	×		Depth: 9.5 ft

# REMARKS:

Extensive surveys were made four hours after the shot with beta and gamma survey meters. The measurements were adjusted to H+l hour by using the  $t^{-1\cdot 2}$  law to approximate the decay.



Figure 1. Operation TRINITY off-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.



Figure 2. Cloud Dimensions: Operation TRINITY.

Altitude	H-hou	ır	H+1층 h	ours	H+4 h	ours	H+7 ho	ours	H+101 H	lours
(MSL)	Dir	Speed	Dir	Speed	Dir	Speed	Dir	Speed	Dir	Speed
feet	degrees	mph	degree	es mph	degrees	mph	degrees	mph	degrees	mph
5,100	110	04								~ ~
5,300	160	07	330	04	160	03	240	01	140	09
6,000	200	06	260	03	150	03	120	02	100	04
6,700	230	07	230	04	140	03	140	05	100	03
7,300	<b>2</b> 50	08	<b>2</b> 50	04	160	03	130	07	140	05
7,900	250	10	270	03	160	05	130	07	150	07
8,500	240	08	250	04	150	05	130	06	170	07
9,100	230	07	230	04	170	05	130	08	າດບ	07
9,700	220	08	230	07	190	07	140	10	TOO	06
10,300	220	12	230	10	210	10	150	10	170	05
10,900	220	11	230	13	200	11	150	08	180	04
11,500	200	08	220	12	180	11	150	05	070	02
12,100	190	07	170	10	170	11	190	03	310	05
12,700	170	09	160	11	180	11	240	03	310	06
13,300	170	ນຂໍ	160	12	190	11	240	04	320	04
13,900	160	12	170	14	210	12	250	06	310	05
14,500	150	13	180	16	200	13	270	08	290	06
15,100	140	13	180	15	180	13	280	10	280	05
15,700	130	16	190	13	170	16	280	08	290	06
16,300	120	16	190	12	170	16	270	05	280	07
16,900	140	12	190	07	190	11	250	04	290	05
17,500	160	10	160	07	210	03	240	05	270	03
17,600	150	13								
18,100			170	05	320	02	260	05	270	03
18,600	150	12								
18,700			210	04	280	02	260	06	270	01
19,300			220	03	270	03	250	06	130	03
19,600	180	04								
19,900					270	02	250	06	180	05
20,600	250	04								
21,600	240	08								
21,700							220	11	210	08
22,600	220	11								
22,900							190	17	210	16
23,600	220	15								
24,600	220	15	** **							~-
29,600	230	16								-
34,600	230	27								
39,600	240	19				**				
44,600	290	18		-		-				
48,600	280	11								

TABLE 1 ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO WIND DATA FOR OPERATION TRINITY

Note: At H-hour the surface air pressure was 12.39 psi and the temperature  $21.8^{\circ}$  c.



Figure 3. Hodographs for Operation TRINITY

OPERATION BUSTER-JANGLE -	Baker	
PST GCT	1051	Sponsor: LASL
TIME:         0720         1520	1971	<u>SITE</u> : NTS - Area 7 - Station 3 37° 05' 06" N 116° 01' 12" W Site elevation: 4,193 ft
TOTAL YIELD: 3.5 kt		HEIGHT OF BURST: 1,118 ft
		CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 31,700 ft MSL CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT: 23,000 ft MSL
FIREBALL DATA:		
Time to 1st minimum: 5 Time to 2nd maximum: N Badius at 2nd maximum: N	•5 to 6•0 msec M M.	CEATER DATA: No crater
	<b>* *</b> <sup>*</sup>	TIPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT: Air burst over Nevada soil

# REMARKS:

The contours resulting from this shot were due primarily to neutroninduced activity. Readings were obtained by monitors during area surveys or recovery operations and were taken 3 ft above ground with T1B or SU-10 ionization-chamber survey meters. The pattern was obtained from readings taken at H+11 hours and corrected to H+1 hour, using the decay curve for neutron-induced activity in Nevada soil



Figure 20. Operation BUSTER-JANGLE - Baker. On-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.

	PST	G	CT		Sponso	or: LASL		
DATE:	30 Oct 1951	30 Oc	t 1951					
TIME:	0700	1500			SITE:	NTS - Areas	-	
						Station 3		
						37° 05' 06"	N	
						116° 01' 13"	W	
TOTAL	YIELD: 14 kt				Site	elevation: 4,	193 ft	
					HEIGHI	COFBURST: 1,	132 ft	
					TYPE (	OF BURST AND PI	ACEMENT	:
FIREBA	LL DATA:				Air	burst over New	vada soi	1
Time	to 1st minim	ım:	12.5 to 13.	0 msec				
Time	to 2nd maxim	.m:	130 to 135	msec				
Radi	us at 2nd max:	imum:	NM					
					CLOUD	TOP HEIGHT:	41,000	ft MSL
CRATER	DATA: No cra	ater			CLOUD	BOTTOM HEIGHT:	27,000	ft MSL

Charlie

### REMARKS:

OPERATION BUSTER-JANGLE -

The contours resulting from this shot were due primarily to neutroninduced activity. Readings were obtained by monitors during area surveys or recovery operations and were taken 3 ft above ground with TIB or SU-10 ionization-chamber survey meters. The pattern was obtained from readings taken at H+9 hours and corrected to H+1 hour using the decay curve for neutron-induced activity in Nevada soil,





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OPERATION BUSTER-JANGLE -

Dog

PST GCI			
DATE: 1 Nov 1951 1 Nov	1951 s	Sponsor: LASL	
TOTAL YIELD: 21 kt		<u>SITE:</u> NTS - Area 7 - Station 3 37° 05' 05" N 116° 01" 11" W	
		Site elevation: 4,193	ft
	H	HEIGHT OF BURST: 1,417	ft
FIREBALL DATA:	Г	TYPE OF BURST AND PLACE	MENT:
Time to 1st minimum:	15.6 msec -	Air burst over Nevada	soil
Time to 2nd maximum:	160 to 175 msec	c	
Radius at 2nd maximum:	NM	-	
CRATER DATA: No crater		CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 46 CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT: 3	6,000 ft MSL 1,000 ft MSL

### REMARKS:

The contours resulting from this shot were due primarily to neutroninduced activity. Readings were obtained by monitors during area surveys or recovery operations and were taken 3 ft above ground with T1B or SU-10 ionization-chamber survey meters. The pattern was obtained from readings taken at  $H+25\frac{1}{2}$  hours and corrected to H+1 hour using the decay curve for neutron-induced activity in Nevada soil





### OPERATION BUSTER-JANGLE -

Easy

	PST	GCT.			
DATE:	5 Nov 1951	5 Nov 1951			
TIME:	0830	1630			

TOTAL YIELD: 31.0 kt

Sponsor: LASL

<u>SITE</u>: NTS - Area 7 - Station 1 37° 05' 31" N 116° 01' 28" W Site elevation: 4,224 ft <u>HEIGHT OF BURST</u>: 1,314 ft

TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT: Air burst over Nevada soil

# FIREBALL DATA:

Time	to	lst	m	inimum:	15	to	20	msec
Time	to	2nd	ma	aximum:	190	to	210	msec
Radiu	is a	at $2i$	nd	maximum:	NM			

CLOUD	TOP	HEI	GHT:	50,	000	ft	MSI	ג
CLOUD	BOTI	TOM.	HEIG	HT:	35,0	000	ft	MSL

CRATER DATA: No crater

# REMARKS:

The contours resulting from this shot were due primarily to neutron-induced activity. Readings were obtained by monitors during area surveys or recovery operations and were taken 3 ft above ground with TlB or SU-10 ionization chamber survey meters. The pattern was obtained from readings taken at H+24 hours and corrected to H+1 hour, using the decay curve for neutron-induced activity in Nevada soil



OPERATION TUMBLER - SNAPPER - EASY

	$\mathbf{PST}$	GMT	
DATE:	7 May 1952	7 May 1952	Sponsor: LASL
TIME:	0415	1215	
			SITE: NTS - Area T-1
			37° 03' 11" N
			116° 06' 20" W
TOTAL .	YIELD: 12 kt		Site elevation: 4,329.25 ft
			HEIGHT OF BURST: 300 ft
			TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT:
			Tower burst over Nevada soil
FIREBAJ	LL DATA:		
Time	to 1st minin	mum: 9.3 to	12.5 msec
Time	to 2nd maxim	num: 95	
Radiu	us at 2nd ma:	ximum: NM	CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 34,000 ft MSL
	-		CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT: Not available
CRATER	DATA: No c:	rater	

### REMARKS:

The on-site fallout pattern was obtained from readings of radiological survey teams on D+1 day along eight radial lines of numbered stakes 300 feet apart. The stakes within approximately 1200 to 1500 feet of ground zero were destroyed or blown down so that they did not provide adequate reference points. The survey readings were extrapolated to H+1 hour by using the  $t^{-1} \cdot ^2$  decay approximation. The off-site readings were obtained by ground mobile monitors of the Radiological Safety organization on D-day. These readings were extrapolated to H+1 hour by using the  $t^{-1} \cdot ^2$  decay approximation.





Figure 54. Operation TUMBLER-SNAPPER-EASY Off-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.

Altitude	H-hou	r	Altitude	H-hou	ır
(MSL)	Dir	Speed	(MSL)	Dir	Speed
feet	degrees	mph	feet	degrees	mph
Surface	Calm	Calm	12,000	190	52
4,000	Calm	Calm	14,000.	190	62
5,000	Calm	Calm	15,000	190	56
6,000	180	23	16,000	210	55
7,000	180	30	18,000	210	67
8,000	180	37	20,000	220	77
<b>9,0</b> 00	<b>19</b> 0	40	25,000	220	90
10,000	180	4 <u>1</u>	30,000	220	107

TABLE 18 | NEVADA WIND DATA FOR OPERATION TUMBLER-SNAPPER-EASY

NOTES:

- 1. Wind data was obtained by the Mercury Weather Station located at the C. P.
- 2. Tropopause height was 41,000 ft MSL.
- 3. At H-hour the pressure at ground zero was 868 mb, the temperature  $60.5^{\circ}$  F and the relative humidity 40%.







Figure 56. Hodograph for Operation TUMBLER-SNAPPER-EASY

OPERATION UPSHOT-KNOTHOLE - Harry	
$\frac{PS'T}{DA'TE'} = \frac{GMT'}{10}$	Sponsor: LASL
<u>TIME:</u> 0405 1205	<u>SITE:</u> NTS - Area 3a 37° 02' 25" N 116° 01' 31" W
TOTAL YIELD: 32 kt	Site elevation: 4,006 ft
	HEIGHT OF BURST: 300 ft
FIREBALL DATA: Time to 1st minimum: 16.8 to 19.2 msec Time to 2nd maximum: 155 msec	TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT: Tower burst over Nevada soil
Radius at 2nd maximum: NM	CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 42,500 ft MSL CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT: 27,500 ft MSL
	CRATER DATA: No crater

# REMARKS:

The on-site fallout pattern was obtained from readings at H+l hour. No decay corrections were necessary. The off-site fallout pattern was drawn from D-day readings of mobile ground-survey teams of the Radiological Safety organization. This shot is sometimes designated as Upshot-Knothole-Shot 8.



Figure 99. Operation UPSHOT-KNOTHOLE - Harry. On-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.







Harry.

Altitude	H-hc	our	Altitude	H-hou	ır
(MSL)	Dir	Speed	(MSL)	Dir	Speed
feet	degrees	mph	feet	degrees	mph
Surface	020	06	27,000	290	53
Burst Height	200	06	28,000	280	51
5,000	200	12	29,000	280	57
6,000	200	24	30,000	290	69
7,000	200	29	31,000	290	81
8,000	200	30	32,000	290	77
9,000	210	26	33,000	290	74
10,000	210	21	34,000	290	74
11,000	210	17	35,000	290	72
12,000	200	17	36,000	290	74
13,000	210	17	37,000	290	77
14,000	220	20	38,000	290	74
15,000	230	24	39,000	300	69
16,000	260	35	40,000	300	77
17,000	270	40	41,000	300	85
18,000	270	43	42,000	300	91
19,000	270	43	43,000	280	90
20,000	280	44	44,000	280	87
21,000	280	48	45,000	280	89
22,000	280	55	46,000	280	86
23,000	280	57	47,000	280	87
24,000	280	63	48,000	280	92
25,000	280	62	1+9,000	280	84
26,000	290	57	50,000	280	72

HARRY

TABLE 30 WIND DATA FOR OPERATION UPSHOT-KNOTHOLE -

NOTES:

- 1. Tropopause height was 40,500 ft MSL at H-hour.
- 2. H-hour surface wind data was obtained at the Control Point. H-hour upper air data was obtained from the rawinsonde section located on Yucca Lake. H+3 hour wind data was obtained from pibal observation at St. George.
- 3. At H-hour the pressure at ground zero was 874 mb, the temperature 14.3°C, the dew point -0.6°C, and the relative humidity 35%.





Harry.

OPERATION UPSHOT-KNOTHOLE -

Grable

 PST
 GMT

 DATE:
 25 May 1953
 25 May 1953

 TIME:
 0730
 1530

TOTAL YIELD: 15 kt

Sponsor: LASL

<u>SITE:</u> NTS - Frenchman Flat 36° 47' 35" N 115° 54' 53" W Site elevation: 3,077 ft

HEIGHT OF BURST: 524 ft

TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT:

Airburst of guntype weapon over Nevada soil

FIREBALL DATA: Time to 1st minimum: 13.3 to 14.9 msec Time to 2nd maximum: 122 to 138 msec Radius at 2nd maximum: 557.6

> CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 35,000 ft MSL CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT: 23,000 ft MSL

CRATER DATA: No crater

### REMARKS:

The on-site fallout pattern is due primarily to neutron induced activity and was obtained by the Radiological Safety organization from ground-survey measurements between  $H_{\frac{1}{4}}^{+}$  hour and  $H_{\frac{1}{4}}^{+}$  hours. No decay corrections were necessary. The off-site fallout pattern was drawn from D-day readings of mobile ground-survey teams of the Radiological Safety organization.



Figure 103. Operation UPSHOT-KNOTHOLE - Grable. On-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.



Operation UPSHOI-KNOTHOLE - Grable. Off-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.



Figure 105. Cloud Dimensions: Operation UPSHOT-KNOTHOLE - Grable.

Altitude	H-ho	our	Altitude	H-hou	ar
(MSL)	Dir	Speed	(MSL)	Dir	Speed
feet	degrees	mph	feet	degrees	mph
Surface	360	05	27,000	220	102
Burst Height	220	08	28,000	220	102
4,000	220	12	29,000	220	92
5,000	220	16	30,000	220	<b>9</b> 8
6,000	190	24	31,000	220	124
7,000	180	35	32,000	220	126
8,000	190	24	33,000	220	125
9,000	190	24	34,000	220	120
10,000	200	35	35,000	220	138
11,000	200	35	36,000	220	140
12,000	200	36	37,000	220	100
13,000	200	37	38,000	220	103
14,000	200	38	39,000	220	95
15,000	200	40	40,000	220	75
16,000	200	55	41,000	220	85
17,000	210	63	42,000	220	91
18,000	210	85	43,000	220	72
19,000	210	85	44,000	220	61
20,000	220	85	45,000	220	65
21,000	220	86	46,000	220	64
22,000	220	87	47,000	220	63
23,000	220	94	48,000	220	77
24,000	220	101	49,000	220	60
25,000	220	75	50,000	220	38
26,000	220	63			

TABLE 31 NEVADA WIND DATA FOR OPERATION UPSHOT-KNOTHOLE -

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NOTES:

1. Tropopause height was 35,400 ft MSL at H-hour.

2. Surface and lower level wind data was obtained at the Control Point. Upper air data was obtained from the rawinsonde section located on Yucca Lake.

3. At H-hour the pressure at ground zero was 901 mb, the temperature 14.8°C, the dew point -3.8°C and the relative humidity 32%.





Grable

OPERATION UPSHOT-KNOTHOLE -

Climax

FIREBALL DATA:

Time	to	lst	m	inimum:	27.	0 to	27	.2 ms@	ЭС
Time	to	2nd	ma	aximum:	250	to	257	${\tt msec}$	
Radiu	is a	at 2	nd	maximum	: 9	18.1	⊧ ft		TYPE

TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT: Air burst over Nevada soil

CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 42,700 ft MSL CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT: 35,000 ft MSL

CRATER DATA: No crater

### REMARKS:

The contamination was due primarily to neutron-induced activity. The on-site pattern was drawn from H+l-hour readings. No decay corrections were necessary. Little fallout was detected within the 200mile zone. All downwind readings were only slightly above normal background.





OPERATION TEAPOT

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	PST	GMP			
DATE:	23 Mar 1955	23 Mar 1955			
TIME:	1230	2030			

# TOTAL YIELD: 1 kt

### FIREBALL DATA:

Time to 1st minimum: NM Time to 2nd maximum: NM Radius at 2nd maximum: NM

CRATER DATA: Diameter: 292 ft Depth: 96 ft Maximum Dose Rate: 6000 r/hr at H+l hour at crater lip (extrapolated from readings taken at H+2 hours) Sponsor: DOD-LASL <u>SITE</u>: NTS - Area T-10a 37° 10' 06" N 116° 02' 38" W Site elevation: 4,288 ft <u>TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT</u>: Subsurface burst in filled shaft

HEIGHT OF BURST: -67 ft

CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 12,000 ft MSL CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT: NM

### REMARKS:

The close-in and on-site fallout patterns were constructed from extensive and detailed ground and aerial survey readings of scientific projects and are considered to be accurate.

The off-site fallout pattern was drawn from ground-survey readings taken by the off-site Radiological Safety organization. The t<sup>-1.2</sup> decay approximation was used to extrapolate the dose-rate readings to H+l hour for both on-site and off-site patterns. Some residual contamination from Shot 6 - Bee is included in the readings.



Figure 133. Operation TEAPOT - Ess. Close-in dose rate contours in r/hr at H+1 hour.



Operation TEAPOT - Ess. On-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.


Figure 135. Operation TEAPOT - Ess. Off-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.



Altitude	H-hou:	c
(MSL)	Dir	Speed
feet	degrees	mph
Surface	310	12
5,000	310	14
6,000	310	17
7,000	320	17
8,000	320	18
9,000	330	23
10,000	340	29
11,000	350	26
12,000	360	29
13,000	340	26
14,000	330	29
15,000	330	36
16,000	310	39
17,000	300	40
18,000	290	41
19,000	290	24O
20,000	290	43
21,000	290	43
22,000	290	46
23,000	290	50
24,000	290	55
25,000	290	54
30,000	290	66
35,000	300	59

TABLE 39 NEVALA WIND DATA FOR OPERATION TEAPOT-

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NOTES:

 Tropopause height was 39,000 ft MSL.
 At the surface the temperature was 18.0°C and the pressure 883 mb.





OPERATION PLUMBBOB - Safety Experiment No. 5 - 57 Test Group

	PST	GMT	Sponsor: LASL - DOD
DATE: TIME:	24 Apr 1957 0627	24 Apr 1957 1427	SITE: NTS - Area 13 Site elevation: 4,585 ft
			HEIGHT OF BURST: Surface
			TYPE OF BURST AND PLACFMENT: Surface burst on Nevada soil

CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 750 ft CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT: 400 ft

# REMARKS:

Only alpha contamination was observed. The survey was made with gas proportional alpha counters (Model PAC-1G) over concrete pads. The concrete pads were placed next to fallout collectors. The alphasurvey contours were adjusted by using results of radiochemical analyses of the fallout collector contents.

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Operation PLUMBBOB - Safety Experiment No. 5 - 57 Test Group. On-site alpha contamination in micrograms per square meter.



Safety Experiment No. 5 - 57 Test Group

# NEVADA WIND DATA FOR OPERATION PLUMBBOB SAFETY EXPERIMENT NO. 5 - 57 TEST GROUP

Wind velocities were measured using theodolites at two stations during the period H-2 hours to  $H+l_2^1$  hours. Light winds (2 to 6 miles per hour) and high shear existed during the period of observation for the height range, surface to 1000 feet. The resulting hodographs from the two stations differ markedly from each other and are not consistent with the observed alpha contamination pattern. Probably the best description of the mean wind structure is provided by a reconstruction based upon ground and aerial photography of the cloud. The hodograph shown in figure 279 is based upon such photographic observations



Figure 167. Hodograph for Operation PLUMBBOB Safety Experiment No. 5 - 57 Test Group.

OPERATION	PLUMBBOB	-
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Wilson

	PDT	GMT
DATE:	18 Jun 1957	18 Jun 1957
TIME:	0445	11 <sup>1</sup> 45

TOTAL YIELD: 10 kt

### FIREBALL DATA:

Time	to	lst	min.	:	NM	
Time	to	2nd	max.	:	133	msec
Radiu	s a	t 2r	nd max	x:	MM	

CRATER DATA: No crater

Sponsor: UCRL <u>SITE:</u> NTS - Area 9a 37° 08' 05" N 116° 02' 27" W Site elevation: 4,230 ft

## HEIGHT OF BURST: 500 ft

TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT: Air burst from balloon over Nevada soil

CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 35,000 ft MSL CLOUD BOITOM HEIGHT: 25,000 ft MSL

## REMARKS:

On-site contamination was primarily due to induced activity. The onsite pattern was obtained from ground survey readings of the Radiological Safety Division of Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Co., Inc., using AN/PDR 43 and AN/PDR 39 survey instruments. The readings were taken at H+2 hours, D+1 day, D+2 days and D+3 days along eight radial roads to determine radiation exclusion areas. The dose-rate readings are not reliable because the induced-activity-decay curve is not strictly applicable to a mixture of fission products and induced activities. Decay measurements indicated a decay rate similar to Na<sup>24</sup> for distances out to 1,200 yards from GZ. The off-site fallout was analyzed by Program 37 of UCIA and the USWB Special Projects Section. They used actual decay data to plot the H+12 hour dose-rate contours. The t<sup>-1.2</sup> decay approximation was used by NDL to extrapolate the H+12 hour dose-rate contours to H+1 hour. The times of arrival were estimated from the wind data.





Figure 176. Operation PLUMBBOE - Wilson. Off-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.

Altitude	H-ho	ur	H+3 ho	ours	Altitude	H-hou	ır	<u>H+3</u> ha	ours
(MSL)	Dir	Speed	Dir	Speed	(MSL)	Dir	Speed	Dir	Speed
feet	degrees	mph	degrees	mph	feet	degrees	mph	degrees	mph
	,		Ņ		2				
Surface	340	05	340	02	28,000	220	15		
5,000	030	10	010	06	29,000	230	20		
6,000	060	12	040	09	30,000	21+0	18	220	20
7,000	080	12	060	12	31,000	240	17		
8,000	070	12	070	12	32,000	230	23		
9,000	060	12	060	12	33,000	230	26		
10,000	060	09	060	12	34,000	240	24		
11,000	050	12			35,000	240	22	230	21
12,000	080	09	080	06	36,000	240	22		
13,000	150	05			37,000	240	22		
14,000	310	02	340	08	38,000	240	22		
15,000	300	05	(340)	(08)	39,000	240	22		
16,000	290	02	330	07	40,000	240	24	230	25
17,000	310	09			41,000	230	26		
18,000	290	09	320	10	42,000	240	24		
19,000	260	09			43,000	250	20		
20,000	250	09	280	14	44,000	260	17		
21,000	230	09			45,000	260	17	240	28
22,000	220	09			46,000	260	20		
23,000	220	10	220	16	47,000	250	24		
24,000	220	13			48,000	250	25		
25,000	220	1.4	220	17	49,000	260	24	*	
26,000	210	13			50,000	260	21	260	21
27,000	210	12			51,000	260	16		
· •					52,000	260	13		
					53,000	260	10		
					54,000	260	10		

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# TABLE 50 NEVADA WIND DATA FOR OPERATION PLUMBBOB-

NOTES:

Numbers in parentheses are estimated values.
 Tropopause height was 40,000 ft MSL at H-hour.

 Wind data was obtained from the Yucca weather station.
 At H-hour the surface air pressure was 882 mb, the temperature 17.0°C, the dew point 2.8°C and the relative humidity 38%.



H-HourH+3Figure 177. Hodographs for Operation PLUMBBOB- Wilson.

OPERATION PLUMBBOB -

Hood

	$\operatorname{PDT}$	GMT
DATE:	5 Jul 1957	5 Jul 1957
TIME:	0440	1140

- TOTAL YIELD: 74 kt
- FIREBALL DATA:

Time to 1st minimum: NM Time to 2nd maximum: 276 to 280 msec Radius at 2nd maximum: NM

CRATER DATA: No Crater

SITE: NTS - Area 9a 37°08'05" N 116°02'27" W Site elevation: 4,230 ft

Sponsor: UCRL

HEIGHT OF BURST: 1,500 ft

TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT: Air burst from balloon over Nevada soil

CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 48,000 ft MSL CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT: 35,000 ft MSL

#### REMARKS:

On-site contamination was due primarily to induced activities. The on-site dose rate contours were obtained from ground survey readings of the Radiological Safety Division of Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Company, Inc., using AN/PDR 39 and AN/PDR 43 survey instruments. The readings were taken at H+1 hour, H+6 hours, D+1 day, D+2 days and D+3 days. The neutron induced-activity-decay curve for Nevada soil

was used to extrapolate the dose-rate readings to H+l hour. Few readings were taken to the north and east of ground zero because of rough terrain and numerous brush fires ignited by the detonation. The off-site fallout was analyzed by Program 37 of UCLA and the USWB Special Projects Section. They used actual decay data to plot the H+l2 hour dose-rate contours. The  $t^{-1} \cdot ^2$  decay approximation was used by NDL to extrapolate the H+l2 hour dose-rate contours to H+l hour. The fallout pattern is based on ground and aerial survey data.



I. Operation PLUMBBOB - Hood. rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.

OPERATION PLUMBBOB - Morgan

	PST	GMT
DATE:	7 Oct 1957	7 Oct 1957
TIME:	0500	1300

TOTAL YIELD: 8 kt

FIREBALL	DATA:	
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Time	to	lst	m	inimum:	NM
Time	to	2nd	m	aximum:	NM
Radiu	is e	at 2	nd	maximum	: NM

CRATER DATA: No crater

Sponsor: UCRL

<u>SITE:</u> NTS - Area 9a 37° 08' 05" N 116° 02' 27" W Site elevation: 4,214 ft

## HEIGHT OF BURST: 500 ft

TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT: Air burst from balloon over Nevada soil

CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 40,000 ft MSL CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT: 26,000 ft MSL

#### REMARKS:

The contamination was due primarily to induced activity. The on-site pattern was obtained from ground survey readings of the Radiological Safety Division of Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Company, Inc., using AN/PDR 39 and AN/PDR 43 survey meters. The readings were taken at  $H+\frac{3}{4}$  hour, H+6 hours, D+1 day, D+2 days and D+3 days along eight radial roads to determine radiation exclusion areas. The dose-rate readings were extrapolated to H+1 hour by the general induced-activity-decay curve for Nevada soil

The off-site fallout was analyzed by the USWB Special Projects Section. The t<sup>-1·2</sup> decay approximation was used to extrapolate the dose-rate readings to H+l hour. "The Morgan debris apparently fell over or near residual debris from Smoky, but the uncertainties in the decay law and in the effects of weathering make it impossible to determine the Morgan pattern with any certainty"



58 PROJECT - Coulomb C Safety Experiment

PST	GMT	Sponsor: LASL
DATE: 9 Dec 1957	9 Dec 1957	
TIME: 1200	2000	SITE: NTS - Area 3i
		37° 02' 54" N
TOTAL YIELD: 0.5 kt		116° 01' 27" W
		Site elevation: 4,050 ft
FIREBALL DATA:		
Time to 1st mini	mum: NM	HEIGHT OF BURST: Surface
Time to 2nd maxi	mum: NM	
Radius at 2nd ma	ximum: NM	TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT:
		Surface burst - Cab on Nevada
CLOUD TOP HEIGHT:	13,000 ft MSL	soil
CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGH	T: NM	
	_	CRATER DATA: NM

# REMARKS:

The fallout pattern was drawn from measurements made by a scientific project and is well defined and reliable.



Figure 236, 58 Project - Coulomb-C. On-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.

Altitude	H-hou	ır
(MSL)	Dir	Speed
feet	degrees	mph
-		
Surface		
5,000	030	11
6,000	020	13
7,000	020	07
8,000	090	07
<b>9,0</b> 00	050	04
10,000	040	06
11,000	120	03
12,000	140	05
13,000	150	13
14,000	140	23
15,000	140	18
16,000	150	16
17,000	170	14
18,000	160	13
19,000	140	09
20,000	180	03
	SCALE	
	I I	1
	0 5	10
	miles	
	Rise rate: 500	0 ft/hr
11.5 12.5 13.5	14.5 15.5	
0.50000	0-0-	
9.5 <b>0</b>	16.5	17.5
<b>Q</b> 8.5		
5Q		18.5 020
<b>h</b> a		

TABLE 72 NEVADA WIND DATA FOR OPERATION 58 PROJECT -

COULOMB-C

Figure 237. Hodograph for Operation 58 Project -

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**OPERATION HARDTACK II - Vesta** Safety Experiment

PST GMT	Sponsor: UCRL
DATE: 17 Oct 1958 17 Oct 1958	-
<u>TIME</u> : 1500 2300	<u>SITE:</u> NTS - Area 9e 37° 07' 21" N 116° 02' 05" W
TOTAL YIELD: 24 tons	Site elevation: 4.226 ft
FIREBALL DATA:	,
Time to 1st minimum: NM	HEIGHT OF BURST: Zero ft
Time to 2nd maximum: NM	
Radius at 2nd maximum: NM	TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT:
	Surface burst in wooden
CRATER DATA: Not available	building with 20 ft of
	gravel over the building
	CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 10,000 ft
	CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT: NM

MSL

#### REMARKS:

The on-site fallout documentation was performed by the Radiological Safety Division of the Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Company for purposes of personnel safety. Readings were taken with AN/PDR-39 or Tracerlab SU-10 instruments at  $H+l_2^1$  hours, D+l day and D+2 days. The pattern was well documented and should be reliable. The t<sup>-1.2</sup> decay approximation was used to extrapolate the dose-rate readings to H+l hour.

The off-site fallout documentation was performed with Beckman MX-5 and AN/PDR-39 instruments by the U.S. Public Health Service for purposes of public safety. The fallout pattern is considered rather uncertain, since there were few radiation measurements. The t<sup>-1·2</sup> decay approximation was used to extrapolate the doserate readings to H+1 hour.



Figure 275. Operation HARDTACK II - Vesta. On-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.



Figure 276. Operation HARDTACK II - Vesta. Off-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.

Altitude	H-hour	
(MSL)	Dir	Speed
feet	degrees	mph
Surface	160	07
5,000	180	12
<b>6,0</b> 00	190	14
7,000	190	14
8,000	200	12
9,000	210	10
10,000	210	08
11,000	200	09
12,000	180	07

TABLE 88 NEVADA WIND DATA FOR OPERATION HARDTACK II-

NOTE: Wind data was obtained from the Yucca weather station.



Figure 277. Hodograph for Operation HARDTACK II -

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OPERATION HARDTACK II -

Rio Arriba

PST CMT	Sponsor: LASL
$\frac{1ATE}{TIME}: 0625   1958   1425$	<u>SITE</u> : NTS - Area 3s 37° 02' 28" N
TOTAL YIELD: 90 tons	$116^{\circ}$ Ol' 33" W Site elevation: 4,010 ft
FIREBALL DATA: Time to 1st minimum: NM	HEIGHT OF BURST: 72.5 ft
Time to 2nd maximum: NM Radius at 2nd maximum: NM	TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT: Tower burst over Nevada soil
CRATER DATA: Not available	CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 13,500 ft MSL CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT: 11,000 ft MSI

### REMARKS:

The on-site fallout documentation was performed by the Fadiological Safety Division of the Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Company for purposes of personnel safety. Readings were taken with AN/PDR-39 or Tracerlab SU-10 instruments at H+1 hour, H+6 hours, D+1 day, D+2 days and D+3 days along eight radial roads. The fallout was well documented and the pattern presented is considered to be reliable. The  $t^{-1.2}$  decay approximation was used to extrapolate the dose-rate readings to H+1 hour.

The off-site fallout documentation was performed with Beckman MX-5 and AN/PDR-39 instruments by the U. S. Public Health Service for purposes of public safety. Readings were taken at about 10-mile intervals except in populated places or when the dose-rate varied considerably with distance. The downwind extent of the 0.002 and 0.001 r/hr isodose rate lines is uncertain. The rest of the pattern was well documented and is reliable. The  $t^{-1\cdot 2}$  decay approximation was used to extrapolate the dose-rate readings to H+1 hour.



Figure 278. Operation HARDTACK II - Rio Arriba. On-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.

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# TABLE 89 NEVADA WIND DATA FOR OPERATION HARDTACK II - RIO ARRIBA

Altitude	H-hour	
(MSL)	Dir	Speed
feet	degrees	mph
Surface	170	02
5,000	180	09
6,000	200	24
7,000	200	35
8,000	200	37
<b>9,0</b> 00	200	33
<b>10,</b> 000	210	35
11,000	210	38
12,000	210	40
13,000	210	40
14,000	210	38
15,000	210	36

NOTES:

1. Wind data was obtained from the Yucca weather station.

The surface air pressure was 12.75 psi, the temperature 9.3°C, the dew point -10.3°C, and the relative humidity 24%. 2.





OPERATION HARDTACK II - San Juan Safety Experiment

	PST	GMT	Sponsor: LASL
DATE:	20 Oct 1958	20 Oct 1958	
TIME:	0630	1430	SITE: NTS - Area 3p 37° 03' 0" N 116° 01' 56" W Site elevation: 4,033 ft <u>HEIGHT OF BURST:</u> -234 ft <u>TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT:</u> Subsurface burst - Well in Nevada soil
			CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: NM

CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT:

NM

## REMARKS:

"There was essentially no nuclear yield from the San Juan explosion, and no visible venting occurred. There was, however, some alpha con-tamination detected in the immediate vicinity of the well in which this device was detonated"

OPERATION HARDTACK II -

Humboldt

	PST	GMT	
MTE:	29 Oct 1958	29 Oct 1958	
TIME:	0645	1445	

TOTAL YIELD: 7.8 tons

FIREBALL DATA:

Time to 1st minimum: NM Time to 2nd maximum: NM Radius at 2nd maximum: NM

CRATER DATA: Not available

Sponsor: UCRL - DOD <u>SITE</u>: NTS - Area 3v 37° 02' 52" N 116° 01' 29" W Site elevation: 4,029 ft

HEIGHT OF BURST: 25 ft

TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT: Tower burst over Nevada soil

CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 7,500 ft MSL CLOUD BOTTOM HEIGHT: 6,000 ft MSL

### REMARKS:

The on-site fallout documentation was severely limited by changes in the GZ location and the operational firing schedule. Readings for the very close-in pattern were taken by the Chemical Corps Radiological Safety Support Unit at points along the north, east, south, and west radial lines at times between 0.1 and 6.7 hours. Experimental doserate decay curves were used to extrapolate the readings to H+1 hour. Readings for the on-site fallout pattern were taken at  $H+\frac{1}{2}$  hour, H+6 hours, H+27 hours and D+2 days. The  $t^{-1\cdot 2}$  decay approximation was used to extrapolate the dose-rate readings to H+1 hour. "The on-site fallout from Humboldt was well documented and the pattern is considered reliable"

The off-site fallout documentation was performed with Beckman MX-5 and AN/PDR-39 instruments by the U. S. Public Health Service for purposes of public safety. The  $t^{-1}$  decay approximation was used to extrapolate the dose-rate readings to H+1 hour. "Although there is some uncertainty in the downwind extent of some of the isolines, there is fair confidence in the width of the pattern and in the orientation of the fallout, which is consistent with the wind analysis".



Figure 300. Operation HARDTACK II - Humboldt. Very close-in dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.



Figure 301. Operation HARDTACK II - Humboldt. On-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.



Figure 302. Operation HARDTACK II - Humboldt. Off-site dose rate contours in r/hr at H+l hour.

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Altitude	H-hour		
(MSL)	Dir	Speed	
feet	degrees	mph	
Surface	340	07	
5,000	010	29	
6,000	020	30	
7,000	030	37	
<b>8,0</b> 00	030	33	
<b>9,0</b> 00	030	22	
10,000	040	16	

NOTES:

- 1. Wind data was obtained from the Yucca weather station.
- The surface air pressure was 12.84 psi, the temperature 7.4°C, the dew point -3.2°C, and the relative humidity 46%.





Humboldt

OPERATION SUNBEAM -

Small Boy

 PST
 GMT

 DATE:
 14 Jul 1962
 14 Jul 1962

 TIME:
 1030
 1830

<u>SPONSOR</u>: DOD <u>SITE</u>: NTS - Area 5 36° 48' 08.9942" N 115° 55' 89.2031" W

SITE ELEVATION: 3078 ft MSL

HEIGHT OF BURST:

CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 19,000 ft MSL

TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT: Tower, over Nevada soil

#### **REMARKS**:

The close-in and distant contours of residual radiation are shown in Figures 329 thru 332 The estimated Small Boy GZ contours of Figure 329 are based on data taken from D-day to D+3 days by NDL, NRDL, and REECo. The composite decay curve of NDL Project 2.8 was used to correct the data to H+1 hour. The close-in contours of Figure 330 are revisions of those with data from NRDL Project 2.11 included and supplemented by data from the REECo Rad Safe Group and NDL Project 2.9.

The two off-site contour patterns are shown in Figure 331 (out to 29 miles) and Figure 332 (out to 300 miles). The middle portion of Figure 331 (around 15 miles downwind) was constructed using data from NDL, UCLA, NRDL, and the PHS. The portion farthest downwind was constructed from data obtained by NDL and UCLA. The contours were corrected to H+1 hour using a decay constant of 1.27. Figure 332 is based almost entirely on ground monitor surveys conducted by NDL, UCLA, and the PHS, supplemented by aerial surveys by CETO Project 62.80. The data were extrapolated back to H+1 hour by  $t^{-1} \cdot ^2$ . The fallout started arriving at 250 to 400 miles downwind sometime in the latter part of D+1 day reaching a peak at D+2 days. Figure 333 shows the probable path of the Small Boy cloud as determined by exposure rate measurements as far as western Nebraska.

In all the figures the dashed portions indicate uncertainty.



Figure 329. OPERATION SUNBEAM - Small Boy GZ area contours in R/hr at H+l hour






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Distance From GZ, Statute Miles

Figure 332. OPERATION SUNBEAM - Small Boy contours of residual gamma radiation in R/hr at H+l hour to 300 miles downwind



Small Boy cloud path

Figure 333, OPERATION SUNBEAM -

Altitude	H+5 Minutes		H+1/4 Hour		H+70 Minutes	
(MSL)	Direction	Speed	Direction	Speed	Direction	Speed
feet	degrees	mph	degrees	mph	degrees	mph
3,078	135	2.3	120	12.3	180	6.9
4,000 5,000	310	1.2	145	4.6 5.8	185	8.9 8.1
6,000 7,000	330 280	2.3 2.3	180 170	6.9 6.9	212 224	9.2 11.5
8,000 9,000	250 240	6.9 13.8	180 230	3.5 5.8	237	11.5
10,000	240	18.4	240	12.7	240	15.0
12,000	240 240	9.2 9.2	235 230	10.4 9.2	225 280	9.2 8.1
15,000 16,000	- 240	- 9.2	- 2 30	- 8.1	265	4.6
18,000	280 280	16.1 28.8	260 280	15.0		
				20.0		

## TABLE 109 NEVADA WIND DATA FOR OPERATION SUNBEAM - SMALL BOY

# <u>Notes</u>:

- 1. Observations made at Frenchman's Flat.
- Air temperature at the surface was 31.7°C; the relative humidity was 16%.





### OPERATION SUNBEAM - Little Feller I

	PST	GMT	
DATE:	17 Jul 1962	17 Jul 1962	
TIME:	0900	1700	

SPONSO	$\underline{DR}: 1$	DOD			
<u>SITE</u> :	NTS 37° 116°	- A1 06' 19'	rea 30. 02.	18 7784" 1775"	N W

SITE ELEVATION: 5194 ft MSL

HEIGHT OF BURST:

CLOUD TOP HEIGHT: 11,000 ft MSL

TYPE OF BURST AND PLACEMENT: Near surface, over Nevada soil. Warhead fired from Davy Crockett weapon system.

#### REMARKS:

The close-in and distant contours of residual radiation are shown in Figures 335 thru 338. The very close-in contours are shown in Figure 335 Figure 337 shows contours of residual gamma radiation at H+4hours to 12,000 feet downwind. The earliest readings were not taken until approximately H+4 hours because troop exercises were executed in the area of interest at earlier times. The application of an average decay exponent to the overall pattern or representative portions of the pattern did not appear to be justified; therefore the H+/+-hour patterns are presented as the basic patterns and are considered reliable. The H+4-hour patterns were constructed from data obtained by NDL, REECo Rad Safe Group remote units, and PHS off-site surveys. Figures 336 and 338 are the result of arbitrarily applying a decay exponent of 1.2 to produce H+1-hour patterns. These patterns are given only to represent the order of magnitude of the H+1-hour dose rates and are considered to be much less reliable than the ones representing H+4 hours.



Figure 335. OPERATION SUNBEAM - Little Feller I contou radiation in R/hr at H+4 hours to 70 feet downwind.







Figure 337. OPERATION SUNBEAM - Little Feller I contours of residual gamma radiation in R/hr at H+4 hours to 12,000 feet downwind.



Figure 338.OPERATION SUNBEAM - Little Feller I contours of residual gamma radiation in R/hr at H+l hour to 12,000 feet downwind.

Altitude	H-Hour		
(MSL)	Direction	Speed	
feet	degrees	mph	
Surface	200	17.3	
6,000	200	15.0	
7,000	190	13.8	
8,000	170	13.8	
9,000	170	12.7	
10,000	150	1.2.7	
11,000	140	12.7	
12,000	150	15.0	
13,000	180	17.3	
14,000	180	23.0	
15,000	180	26.5	
16,000	190	28.8	

## TABLE 110 NEVADA WIND DATA FOR OPERATION SUNBEAM - LITTLE FELLER I

## Notes:

- 1. Observations made at forward control point, Area 18.
- 2. Air temperature at the surface was 29.7°C and the relative humidity was 17 percent.



Figure 339. Hodograph for OPERATION SUNBEAM -Feller 1.

Little